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SUBJECT: ROK PROPOSES NORMALIZATION OF SNCC MEETINGS

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1. ON JANUARY 26 YI TONG-BOK, ROK SOUTH-NORTH COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC) SPOKESMAN INFORMED EMBOFF THAT CHANG KI-YONG, ACTING CO-CHAIRMAN OF SNCC PUBLICLY CALLED ON NORTH KOREA TO NORMALIZE THE SNCC MEETING. NO SNCC MEETING HAS TAKEN PLACE SINCE MARCH 14, 1975. ACCORDING TO YI, CHANG PROPOSED IN A HOTLINE MESSAGE TO HIS PYONGYANG COUNTERPART, KIM YONG-CHU, THAT THE SNCC MEETINGS BE RESUMED IMMEDIATELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY TO DISCUSS VARIOUS PENDING PROBLEMS.

COMMENT: THIRD PLENARY SESSION OF SNCC WAS HELD BETWEEN JUNE 12-14, 1973 IN SEOUL. TENTH VICE CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING WAS HELD MARCH 14, 1975 AT PANMUNJOM. SINCE THEN, NO MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD. SINCE THE LAST VICE CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING, THE ROK HAS PROPOSED ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS THAT THE MEETINGS BE RESUMED, ONLY TO BE TURNED DOWN BY THE NORTH. YI SAID JANUARY 26 PROPOSAL WAS MADE WITHOUT ANY SERIOUS EXPECTATION OF A FAVORABLE NORTH KOREAN RESPONSE IN ORDER TO KEEP SUBJECT ALIVE.

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